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Issue of US Rifles to Local Militia**

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1. ☐ The head of the Tractor Station in As, Western Bohemia, is Vaclav LECIAXS, former employee of the Transport Department in As, where he was in charge of the distribution of gasoline and oil coupons. 50X1-HUM

2. ☐ There are some 60 employees at this Tractor Station. Only 30 are drivers and eight to ten mechanics. The others are all administrative employees or store-keepers. 50X1-HUM

3. ☐ The station has 12 Skoda tractors, five Zetor-25, one Zetor-15, two Fordsons and another 12 Skoda tractors, which were received recently from the district Farming Cooperative which had been liquidated. Five or six tractors were out of operation all the time because most of the drivers had no expert knowledge or experience and did not handle or maintain them properly. Moreover, many of the drivers were shockworkers whose only interest was to make lots of money, even at the cost of the equipment. The top driver-stakhanovist was Michal BALAMUTA, who earned 12,000 Kc per month. 50X1-HUM

4. ☐ The Chairman of the TU Council is (fnu) MAURENZ. The CP branch is headed by Josef PROCHAZKA. 50X1-HUM

The referent for agricultural matters at the As National Committee is Frantisek KUNES. Estates owned by the town of As are under the management of (fnu) NECAS.

5. ☐ new PS (Border Guard) recruits arriving in As in the last days of June ☐ were to replace the old Border Guard cadres. 50X1-HUM

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to the Tosta plant (Skolni Zavod), near the 'small railway station' in As, was taken over by the PS and converted into barracks.

6. ☐ The Militia Corps in As has at present some 40 members. They were recently equipped with American short rifles with 15 rounds of ammunition, which replaced the German Mausers and the Soviet carbines which the Militia had used previously. The Militia first carried these new rifles in June when they marched to the local cemetery to attend the unveiling of a memorial to Soviet servicemen. 50X1-HUM
7. ☐ The local branch of the SVZARM (Association for Cooperation of the Civilian Population with the Army) in As got a new commander recently, Josef PROCHAZKA. (See Para 4) All industrial workers of both sexes are obliged to attend military training organized by the SVARM. 50X1-HUM
8. ☐ Many Germans who stayed in As have entered the CP and work as stakhanovists in the Ohara textile plant and other factories. Having joined the Party they have nothing to fear, and their self-confidence is noticeably growing. 50X1-HUM
9. ☐ The food situation in As, as everywhere in Czechoslovakia, is rapidly deteriorating. ☐ the gross mismanagement of collective farms is the main cause of the prevailing food scarcity. Agricultural workers and tractor station employees have no interest in their work, other than to make better earnings. They work hastily and carelessly, - and the results are obvious. ☐ 50X1-HUM

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